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I am convinced that the punitive measures laid out by the proposed Microsoft settlement are wholly inadequate and mostly ludicrous. I'm speaking mainly of the supposed \$1 billion that will be invested in poor schools, but I'm also convinced that bulk of the rest of the settlement is little more than a slap on the wrist.

In regards to the \$1 billion to be invested in the public school system, I can't help but be flabbergasted. While not myself a huge fan of Apple computers, I whole hearted agree with the comments that Steve Jobs made about the settlement. I believe that the most relevant of his points was that pouring money and computers loaded with Microsoft software into the school system would do nothing more than train entire generations of students to be future Microsoft customers, further guaranteeing Microsoft's stranglehold on the personal computing industry.

Few would doubt that computers will play a large part in our future. In light of this, you have the chance to affect (and benefit) our future profoundly by putting Microsoft in its place and removing from their hands the power that they currently hold over the computing industry.

I trust that you will act in the best interest of the American people.

Thank you.

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